

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN**

September 30, 2004

AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	County GOGEBIC
Audit Date 9/30/04	Opinion Date 1/28/05	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 3/28/05	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.

2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

- ☐ yes ☒ no 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).
- ☒ yes ☐ no 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:

	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board
Community Mental Health Authority
Wakefield, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Community Mental Health Authority, a component unit of Gogebic County and its discretely presented component unit as of and for the year ended September 30, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Community Mental Health Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Community Mental Health Authority and its discretely presented component unit as of September 30, 2004, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 28, 2005, on our consideration of Community Mental Health Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 through 10 and page 32, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Joki, Makela & Pollack, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan
January 28, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Year ended September 30, 2004

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Community Mental Health Authority's (Authority) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Authority's financial performance during the year ended September 30, 2004. It is to be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which immediately follow. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) *Basic Financial Statements – and Managements Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements appear first in the financial report. These financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. They report information about the Authority as a whole. The statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting which is the accounting used by most private sector businesses. The statement of net assets includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities. All current year revenues and expenses are reported in the statement of activities. The two statements report the governmental activities of the Authority that include all services performed by the Authority. These activities are funded primarily by federal and state monies.

The statement of net assets shows the Authority's assets and liabilities. The corresponding balance between the assets and liabilities equals the net assets or deficit of the Authority. A deficit occurs when there are more liabilities than there are assets to pay those liabilities. This statement measures the financial strength of the Authority; the greater the net asset figure, the healthier the financial position of the Authority generally is. It helps management determine if the Authority will be able to fund current obligations and whether they have resources available for future use.

The statement of activities shows the current year change in net assets on a revenue less expenditure basis. It generally shows the operating results for a given year of the Authority. Any excess of revenues over expenditures results in a surplus for the year that in turn increases the net assets (or reduces a deficit) available to fund future needs of the Authority.

Fund Financial Statements

The Authority's fund financial statements show detail of funds that are determined to be significant, called major funds. The Authority has only one fund. That fund is a Governmental Special Revenue Fund, which is a major fund. The Authority has no nonmajor funds.

Governmental funds are accounted for by the modified accrual method of accounting (flow of current financial resources measurement focus). This method records revenues when all applicable eligibility requirements are met and resources are available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred. The governmental fund financial statements show the detail of operations for a given year according to this method of accounting. This is similar to how the Authority reported their finances in the past. The individual fund statements help management determine what financial resources are available on a short-term basis to fund operations.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Since the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements use different methods of accounting to report the Authority's financial condition, a reconciliation is included in the financial statements showing the differences between the two types of statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements – Condensed Financial Information (Primary Government Only)

Statement of Net Assets

The following is a September 30, 2004 and 2003, condensed statement of net assets with a detailed analysis below.

		<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
		<u>September 30,</u>	
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$	419,571	\$ 836,905
Accounts receivable		169,910	428,082
Other current assets		<u>268,944</u>	<u>253,107</u>
Total Current Assets	\$	858,425	\$ 1,518,094
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted cash	\$	282,025	\$ 793,103
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		<u>2,287,814</u>	<u>2,296,401</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$	<u>2,569,839</u>	\$ <u>3,089,504</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u>3,428,264</u>	\$ <u>4,607,598</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Government-wide Financial Statements – Condensed Financial Information (Primary Government Only) (Continued)

Statement of Net Assets (Continued)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 506,604	\$ 1,013,283
Accrued payroll and related fringe benefits	141,040	692,941
Other current liabilities	<u>216,212</u>	<u>208,837</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 863,856	\$ 1,915,061
Long-term liabilities, net of current portion	<u>1,838,818</u>	<u>1,895,104</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,702,674</u>	<u>\$ 3,810,165</u>
NET ASSETS		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 610,576	\$ 581,401
Restricted for employee benefits (deficit)	7,614	(13,143)
Unrestricted	<u>107,400</u>	<u>229,175</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 725,590</u>	<u>\$ 797,433</u>

The Authority's net assets are \$725,590 at September 30, 2004. Capital assets, net of related debt are \$610,576. This figure is derived by taking the original costs of the Authority's assets, subtracting accumulated depreciation to date and comparing this figure to the amount of long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of those assets.

Restricted cash as of September 30, 2004, of \$282,025 is restricted to pay for compensated absences.

The unrestricted net assets are \$107,400 as of September 30, 2004. This is the net accumulated results of the current and past years' operations. The nature of the Authority's operations is based on state aid and Medicaid funds received to fund various mental health related programs. The balance in the unrestricted net assets shows that the Authority has an ample amount of assets to fund liabilities at September 30, 2004.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Statement of Activities

The results of operations for the Authority as a whole are reported in the statement of activities. This statement reports the changes in net assets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

		<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
		<u>Year ended September 30,</u>	
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenue:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$	491,809	\$ 481,655
Operating grants and contributions		72,436	79,001
General Revenues:			
State aid and medicaid		5,370,836	5,183,030
Other		<u>137,285</u>	<u>141,955</u>
	Total Revenue	\$ 6,072,366	\$ 5,885,641
Program expenses -			
Health and welfare		6,144,464	5,984,887
Special item - loss on disposal of assets		<u>255</u>	<u>(2,078)</u>
	Decrease in Net Assets	\$ <u>(71,843)</u>	\$ <u>(101,324)</u>

The Authority had an overall decrease in net assets of \$71,843 for the year ended September 30, 2004.

The Authority's total revenues were \$6,072,366. Of this amount, \$4,467,226, or 74%, were from federal Medicaid funds, \$903,610, or 15%, were state grants and \$491,809, or 8%, were from charges for services. The balance was primarily a transfer from Gogebic County General Fund and interest and investment earnings.

The Authority's total cost to fund all governmental activities was \$6,144,464. A majority of these costs were funded by grants from other governmental agencies. This shows the Authority has reliance on the federal and state government to provide future funding for their programs and administrative costs.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Governmental Fund Budgetary Items

During the year, the Authority revised its original budget two times to account for the changing environment of funding sources. A schedule showing the Authority's original budget, final budget and the actual results are included as required supplementary information in the financial section of the audit report.

The original budget was amended throughout the year to project the Authority's financial position as of September 30, 2004. The budgeted revenues were amended for the addition of the state funds classified as Adult Benefit Waiver, the increase in client fees, the changes in the estimation of Medicaid funding, the decrease in state general funds and a decrease in the allocation from Gogebic County. The budgeted expenditures were amended to include an increase in the current year salary and fringe costs, changes due to the adoption of the alternative to social security benefit package, staffing changes and adjustments to other individual line items within the budget.

The actual results were comparable to the final budget in all areas except for the charges for services, which was less than the amount budgeted. This variance is reported in Note C to the financial statements and in the Supplemental Report section of the audit report. The variance for the charges for services was due to a reversal of Medicaid revenue for consumers required to reach an eligibility threshold not fully accounted for in the final budget and the undetermined distribution of Medicaid revenue from the regional affiliation. The variance for the developmentally disabled population is due to the estimation of the distribution of the units of service by population for the budget; as the Mentally Ill Adult population and Mentally Ill Children population had favorable budget variances while the developmentally disabled population had an unfavorable variance.

Capital Assets

At September 30, 2004, the Authority had \$2,287,814 invested in capital assets. This amount decreased during the past fiscal year by \$8,587, consisting of additions totaling \$132,219, disposal of assets of \$11,895 and depreciation charges of \$128,911. All capital asset additions consisted mainly of vehicles and computer equipment and accessories. The assets disposed of consisted primarily of vehicles.

Debt

The Authority had \$1,951,649 of long-term liabilities at September 30, 2004. This amount consists of \$1,620,000 of a capital lease payable, a \$57,238 note payable to bank as described Note J to the financial statement and \$274,411 of accrued paid time off benefits payable to employees as described in Note E to the financial statements. During the year ended September 30, 2004, the Authority obtained bank financing for the purchase of four vehicles.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Future Considerations

The Authority operated through a full year of decreased programs and expenditures to account for the changes defined in the service selection guidelines (priority population) and through the state budget cuts for fiscal year 2003-2004. The change of serving only the priority population has shown an increase in the utilization of Medicaid funds as the Authority has anticipated. The year end Medicaid savings from fiscal year 2003-2004 has decreased from previous years. The Authority will need to work closely with the regional affiliation and its own management team to streamline costs and efficiencies to maintain a well balanced budget within the next fiscal year to prepare for upcoming changes in state funding and a lack of Medicaid savings.

Contacting the Authority

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Authority offices at Community Mental Health Authority, 103 W. U.S. 2, Wakefield, MI 49968; telephone number (906) 229-6100.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

September 30, 2004

	Primary Government	Component Unit
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 419,571	
Accounts receivable:		
State of Michigan	77,065	
Patients, less allowance of \$5,000	51,653	
Other	41,192	
Interest receivable		\$ 62,120
Prepaid expenses	<u>268,944</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 858,425	\$ 62,120
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Restricted cash	\$ 282,025	
Capital lease receivable		\$ 1,620,000
Capital assets	3,439,261	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,151,447)</u>	
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2,569,839	\$ 1,620,000
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,428,264</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,120</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable:		
State of Michigan	\$ 61,972	
Other	444,632	
Accrued payroll and related fringe benefits	141,040	
Interest payable	62,120	\$ 62,120
Deferred revenue	41,261	
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>112,831</u>	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 863,856	\$ 162,120
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Compensated absences	\$ 274,411	
Capital lease/revenue bonds payable	1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000
Note payable to bank	57,238	
Less current portion	<u>(112,831)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ 1,838,818	\$ 1,520,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 2,702,674</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,120</u>
NET ASSETS		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 610,576	
Restricted for employee benefits net of related liabilities	7,614	
Unrestricted	<u>107,400</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 725,590</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Year ended September 30, 2004

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) and Changes in Net Assets	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Component Unit
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Current:				
Health and welfare	\$ 6,020,247	\$ 491,809	\$ 72,436	\$ (5,456,002)
Interest on long-term debt	<u>124,217</u>			<u>0</u>
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,144,464	\$ 491,809	\$ 72,436	\$ (5,580,219)
COMPONENT UNIT -				<u>0</u>
MHF Sub G Human Services, Inc. - interest expense	\$ 124,217			\$ 0
GENERAL REVENUES				
State aid not restricted for specific purpose				\$ 903,610
Medicaid not restricted for specific purpose				4,467,226
Transfer from Gogebic County General Fund				71,250
Interest and investment earnings				31,361
Other				<u>34,674</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES				\$ 5,508,121
				<u>\$ 124,217</u>
SPECIAL ITEM - gain on disposal of assets				<u>255</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR				
NET ASSETS - OCTOBER 1, 2003				\$ (71,843)
				<u>0</u>
NET ASSETS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2004				<u>797,433</u>
				<u>\$ 725,590</u>
				<u>0</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

September 30, 2004

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 419,571
Restricted cash	282,025
Accounts receivable:	
State of Michigan	77,065
Patients, less allowance of \$5,000	51,653
Other	41,192
Prepaid expenses	<u>268,944</u>
	<u>\$ 1,140,450</u>

LIABILITIES AND AUTHORITY EQUITY

Accounts payable:	
State of Michigan	\$ 61,972
Other	444,632
Accrued payroll and related fringe benefits	141,040
Compensated absences	274,411
Deferred revenue	<u>41,261</u>
	Total Liabilities \$ 963,316
Authority equity:	
Fund balance	<u>177,134</u>
	<u>\$ 1,140,450</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
WITH THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

September 30, 2004

Total fund balance of governmental fund		\$ 177,134
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Additions:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental fund.

The cost of the capital assets is

\$ 3,439,261

Accumulated depreciation is

(1,151,447) 2,287,814

Reductions:

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the fund.

Capital lease payable

\$(1,620,000)

Note payable to bank

(57,238)

Accrued interest payable is not included as a liability in governmental activities

(62,120) (1,739,358)

Total net assets of governmental activities

\$ 725,590

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Year ended September 30, 2004

Revenues:			
Federal grants		\$	56,348
State grants			1,069,075
Charges for services			4,809,658
Other			<u>66,035</u>
		\$	6,001,116
Expenditures:			
Current expenditure -			
Health and welfare:			
Board administration	\$	1,027,848	
Prevention grant		96,252	
Mentally ill adults		1,335,700	
Developmentally disabled		2,939,029	
Mentally ill children		<u>492,507</u>	
	\$	5,891,336	
Capital outlay			132,219
Debt service:			
Principal	\$	97,448	
Interest		<u>127,447</u>	
	\$	224,895	<u>6,248,450</u>
	Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(247,334)
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfer from Gogebic County General Fund	\$	71,250	
Loan proceeds		59,686	
Proceeds from sale of assets		<u>12,150</u>	<u>143,086</u>
	Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	\$	(104,248)
Fund balance at October 1, 2003			<u>281,382</u>
	FUND BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	\$	<u>177,134</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

September 30, 2004

Total net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ (104,248)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays to purchase or construct capital assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. For governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expenses in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the period.

Capital outlay	\$ 132,219	
Depreciation expense	<u>(128,911)</u>	3,308

In the statement of activities, only the gain on the disposed assets is reported. In the governmental funds, proceeds from the disposal increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs by the net book value of the asset disposed.

(11,895)

Loan proceeds are an other financing source increasing financial resources, but they increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and do not affect the statement of activities.

(59,686)

Repayment of bond and loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and does not affect the statement of activities.

97,448

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities is recorded as the interest is incurred. In the governmental funds, interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is paid. The additional interest recorded in the change in the governmental fund balance is due to the reduction in accrued interest from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of the fiscal year.

3,230

Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ (71,843)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

September 30, 2004

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY

Community Mental Health Authority began as the Gogebic County Community Mental Health Board, which was organized by Gogebic County to provide mental health services to Gogebic County residents under State of Michigan Public Act 258 of 1974, as amended by Public Act 290 of 1995. On April 24, 2002, under the authority of the same Public Acts the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners duly adopted various resolutions changing the Board's status to that of an Authority and the name to Community Mental Health Authority (the Authority). The resolutions were filed with the State of Michigan and became effective on April 29, 2002.

The Authority operates under the direction of an administrative board consisting of twelve members appointed by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.

The Authority is, under the requirements of GASB Statement Number 14 for financial-reporting purposes, considered a component unit of Gogebic County, Michigan due to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners appointing the Authority's Administrative Board, the Authority continuing to be a part of Gogebic County, Michigan's retirement plan and upon dissolution, some of the Authority's assets will be transferred to Gogebic County, Michigan.

Also, under the requirements of GASB Statement Number 14 for financial reporting purposes, the MHF Sub G Human Services, Inc. (MHF Sub G), a nonprofit corporation, is considered a component unit of the Authority and is discretely presented in the financial statements. MHF Sub G was formed for the sole purpose of issuing bonds and constructing buildings, which are leased to the Authority under a capital lease. MHF Sub G operates under the direction of a Board appointed by the Authority's Board and made up of Authority personnel. MHF Sub G's only asset is the amount due from the Authority for the capital lease, which is under the same terms as the bonds payable by MHF Sub G.

These financial statements present only Community Mental Health Authority and its component unit.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial-reporting principles. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) report information for all of the activities of the Authority. The activities of the Authority are considered to be governmental activities.

The government-wide financial statements report all financial and capital assets, short and long-term liabilities, revenues, expenses, gains and losses using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

The Statement of Activities reports net cost information based on the Authority's functions. Direct expenses are listed by function with program revenues for each function offset against those expenses. The Authority has one function, health and welfare, and all of its program revenues are generated from charges for services and operating grants that are restricted for certain purposes.

Fund-based Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided on the basis of funds, which are considered separate fiscal and accounting entities. The Authority has only one fund. That fund is a special revenue fund which is the major governmental fund.

Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of expendable financial resources (measurement focus). Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when the revenue is subject to accrual, eligibility requirements are met and the revenues are available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Revenue is considered available when the revenue has been collected in the current period or soon enough after the end of the period to use to pay current fund liabilities. Expenditure-based grants are recognized as revenue when revenue is available, the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. Expenditures, if measurable, are recorded when they have been used or are expected to use current expendable financial resources.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Accounts Receivable - Patients

The Authority grants credit to individuals for various types of mental health services performed. A vast majority of the patient accounts receivable consist of amounts due from non-Medicaid third party payors and individuals. An allowance for uncollectible outpatient accounts (individuals) has been recorded in the financial statements. The Authority is under a capitated system where the Medicaid funds are paid monthly based on a formula using Medicaid rates and past experience. These funds are passed through Northcare Network, an affiliation of Mental Health Authorities in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Northcare Network is a part of Pathways Behavioral Health.

Accounts Payable

The amount due the State of Michigan consists principally of amounts due to the Department of Community Health based on the annual cost settlement and amounts due for inpatient care. The account "Due others" consists primarily of amounts of unspent Medicaid funds due back to Pathways Behavioral Health.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets include building improvements, furniture and fixtures, equipment and vehicles and are reported in the Government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an acquisition cost of more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life in excess of four years. Assets meeting this criteria are recorded at historical cost. Any donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of capital assets are charged to expense using an annual allocation of depreciation expense. Taking the depreciable cost of an asset and dividing that cost by its estimated useful life calculates the annual expense. The expense is recorded on the Government-wide Statement of Activities and included as a direct expense of each program based on an allocation process.

The capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method with a full-month of depreciation taken for assets purchased after the fifteenth of each month and no depreciation taken for those assets purchased prior to or on the fifteenth of each month over the following useful lives:

Buildings	40 years
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	4 years

Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

This is a portion of the net assets of the Authority that consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by long-term liabilities for notes, bonds and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Restricted Net Assets

Net assets are restricted when there are constraints placed on their use by external parties or by statute.

Unrestricted Net Assets

Net assets not meeting either criteria above are considered unrestricted.

Fund Balance

In the governmental fund-based financial statements, the fund balance represents the amount available for budgeting future operations.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgets

The Authority signs contracts with Pathways Behavioral Health and the Michigan Department of Community Health bi-annually with amendments occurring as needed. Included in the contracts are spending plans for the various programs, which are under constant revision throughout the year. The spending plans basically cover the state and locally funded programs and, after approval by both entities, are adopted by the Authority as its budget on the functional level. As a result of this, the budgetary basis differs from that used to present the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The plans and budget are monitored, amended at various times during the year and lapse at year end.

NOTE C - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Public Act 275 of 1980 Disclosure

There was not an accumulated fund balance deficit as of September 30, 2004.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE C - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

Public Act 621 of 1978 Disclosure

Public Act 621 of 1978 requires local units of government to prepare and to monitor their fiscal year budgets in accordance therewith. The Act provides that a local unit must amend its budget if it becomes apparent that the local unit's actual revenues will deviate from those budgeted, or if the local unit's expenditures will exceed the amounts appropriated. During the year ended September 30, 2004, the Authority monitored and amended its budget and was in substantial compliance with the Act except for the following:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
Revenues - Charges for services	\$ 5,220,951	\$ 4,980,209	\$ 240,742
Expenditures - Health and Welfare - Developmentally disabled	\$ 2,933,205	\$ 3,044,035	\$ 110,830

Budgetary - GAAP Reporting Reconciliation

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and Comparison with Budget presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget (more fully described in Note B) with actual data on a budgetary basis. Because accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with GAAP, a reconciliation of resultant basis, timing, perspective and entity differences in (deficiency) of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources for the year ended September 30, 2004, is presented below:

	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Deficiency of revenues and other sources of financial resources of expenditures and other uses of financial resources (budgetary basis)	\$ (64,243)
Adjustments to revenues and expenditures:	
To record loan proceeds and repayments	57,238
For capital outlay purchases	(132,219)
To remove depreciation	129,976
For debt service principal payments	<u>(95,000)</u>
Deficiency of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ (104,248)</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE D - CASH

Deposits were made in accordance with State of Michigan statutes and under authorization of the Administrative Board. State of Michigan statutes authorize investments in: direct obligations of the United States or an agency of the United States; banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by no fewer than two standard rating services; United States government or agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; certain mutual funds and certain common stocks.

The Authority uses accounts payable and payroll checking accounts, which are on an imprest system with bank balances reconciling to zero along with various other checking and savings accounts all in the same local bank. At September 30, 2004, cash on deposit in the financial institution totaled \$849,033 of which \$200,000 was covered by depository insurance and \$649,033 exceeded insurance coverage. The Authority places its deposits with what it believes to be a high quality financial institution. Although such deposits exceed federally insured limits, they are, in the opinion of the Authority, subject to minimal risk.

Restricted cash includes \$282,025 restricted for payment of compensated absences.

NOTE E - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Authority has a written policy providing for payment for sick, personal and vacation leave. All compensated absences are combined as Paid Time Off with hours credited at a rate of 6.62 hours for every 80 hours worked for residential employees and 7.54 for non-residential employees. Additional Paid Time Off of 16 to 64 hours per year is accrued for employees with continuous years of service ranging from 5 to over 20 years. The maximum accrual for unused Paid Time Off is 640 hours. This is also the limit of hours paid upon termination. Employees have the option of selling unused Paid Time Off back to the Authority annually under certain eligibility criteria. Each employee's accumulated Paid Time Off is computed by applying current rates of pay times total accumulated hours, limited by the above policies. The total, \$274,411 at September 30, 2004, is reported in the financial statements as a liability. Payment in lieu of accrued sick leave for those who did not sell or convert their hours to Paid Time Off is allowed only for employees who separate from employment for retirement purposes and is paid at a rate of fifty per cent of unused sick leave, which cannot exceed 90 workdays. Paid Time Off and sick leave utilized during the year are recorded as a current expenditure.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE F - RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Authority participates in Gogebic County's single-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all of its employees. County ordinance assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan to the County Board of Commissioners. The plan is included in the audited financial statements of County of Gogebic, Michigan, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, with additional information disclosed in Note R to the financial statements.

Essentially all employees are eligible to participate in the System. All employees who retire at or after the time when the sum of age plus years of credited service is equal to 70, or age 60 with 8 years of credited service, are entitled to annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to total service years times 2.5% of final average compensation. Final average compensation is the employee's highest three years out of the last ten.

Benefits fully vest upon reaching 8 years of service. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by State statute. The Authority makes all required payments for its members.

On December 2, 2003, the employees of the Authority voted to opt out of social security and elected an alternative to social security benefit package. The alternative to the social security benefit package included enhancements to the current defined benefit pension plan through Gogebic County and the addition of a 401(a) money purchase plan. The enhancements to the pension plan included an increase in multiplier to 2.5% for both non-residential and residential employees, change in the final average compensation to the best three out of the last ten years, addition of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), the cost of the 70 and out plan, and other options available at the time of retirement. In 2003, the contribution into the pension fund for the employees of the Authority was 8.96% and the contribution into social security was 12.4% to total 21.36%. With the enhancements of the alternative to social security plan, the contributions into the pension plan for employees are 20.2%. This contribution is funded by a 6.2% employee contribution and a 14% employer contribution. The employer also contributes 2.64% for non-residential employees and 1.45% for residential employees into the 401(a) money purchase plan. This difference in contribution into the 401(a) plan is due to the difference in cost to increase the pension multiplier to 2.5% as non-residential employees were previously at 2.0% while residential employees were at 1.6%. In 2004, the total contributions for the alternatives to the social security benefit package (includes retirement 20.2% and 401(a) 2.64% or 1.45%) is slightly higher than the previous years contributions into pension and social security.

Employer retirement contributions for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, were \$394,379, \$268,019 and \$272,391, respectively, in accordance with actuarially determined contribution requirements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE G - OPERATING LEASES

During the year the Authority paid \$25,495 for buildings leased for various programs under operating leases. Future minimum operating lease rental payments are \$23,955 for each of the five years ending September 30, 2009.

The Authority's clinic and administrative operations building and a group home are leased under a capital lease described in Note J.

NOTE H - PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepaid expenses at September 30, 2004, consist of the following:

Capital lease payment	\$ 162,106
Health insurance	75,077
Workers compensation insurance	20,686
Various	<u>11,075</u>
	<u>\$ 268,944</u>

NOTE I - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended September 30, 2004, were as follows:

	Balance at October 1, 2003	Additions	Deductions	Balance at September 30, 2004
Land	\$ 4,128			\$ 4,128
Buildings	2,460,622	\$ 9,275		2,469,897
Equipment	<u>961,239</u>	<u>122,944</u>	<u>\$ 118,947</u>	<u>965,236</u>
	\$ 3,425,989	\$ 132,219	\$ 118,947	\$ 3,439,261
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	\$ 423,808	\$ 55,314		\$ 479,122
Equipment	<u>705,780</u>	<u>73,597</u>	<u>\$ 107,052</u>	<u>672,325</u>
	<u>\$ 1,129,588</u>	<u>\$ 128,911</u>	<u>\$ 107,052</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,447</u>
	<u>\$ 2,296,401</u>	<u>\$ 3,308</u>	<u>\$ 11,895</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,814</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE J - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in long-term debt are summarized below:

	Balance at October 1, <u>2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance at September 30, <u>2004</u>
Compensated absences (Note E)	\$ 275,104		\$ 693	\$ 274,411
Capital lease payable	1,715,000		95,000	1,620,000
Note payable to bank		\$ 59,686	2,448	57,238
	<u>\$ 1,990,104</u>	<u>\$ 59,686</u>	<u>\$ 98,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,951,649</u>

The aggregate amounts of long-term debt principal and interest maturities (excluding compensated absences) for the five years ending September 30, 2009, and in five-year increments after until maturity are:

2005	\$ 235,696
2006	239,767
2007	236,835
2008	236,471
2009	221,556
2010 - 2014	1,082,696
2015	213,072

Capital Lease Payable

During February 1995 the Authority entered into a 20-year lease with its component unit to lease a clinic and administrative operations building and a group home. The payments are to be sufficient to provide for the principal and interest (remaining rates vary from 6.9% to 7.875%) due on the bonds issued by its component unit to construct the buildings. At the end of the lease, the ownership of the buildings is to be turned over to Gogebic County, Michigan, with no financial obligation to the County and for the County to manage at its discretion. The principal value of the bonds has been capitalized and recorded as a capital asset. The required lease payments are sufficient to cover its component unit's principal and interest payment due on October 1 and April 1 of each year. The present value of the net minimum lease payments is equal to the total principal due on the bonds of the component unit. A summary of the annual payments follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE J - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Capital Lease Payable (Continued)

<u>Year ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,790	\$ 220,790
2006	110,000	113,490	223,490
2007	115,000	105,558	220,558
2008	125,000	96,631	221,631
2009	135,000	86,556	221,556
2010	145,000	75,706	220,706
2011	155,000	63,984	218,984
2012	165,000	51,384	216,384
2013	175,000	37,997	212,997
2014	190,000	23,625	213,625
2015	<u>205,000</u>	<u>8,072</u>	<u>213,072</u>
	<u>\$ 1,620,000</u>	<u>\$ 783,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,403,793</u>

As of the date of this report, the component unit was in the process of refunding these bonds. The refunding is expected to be completed in April of 2005. The Authority's lease obligation will be adjusted accordingly.

Note Payable to Bank

The note payable consists of a note payable to First National Bank of Wakefield, Michigan, dated August 23, 2004. The proceeds were used to buy four automobiles. The note is collateralized by a savings account. The note bears an interest rate of 4.4% and requires a monthly payment of \$1,356, including interest. A summary of annual payments follows:

<u>Year ended September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	\$ 12,831	\$ 2,075	\$ 14,906
2006	14,615	1,662	16,277
2007	15,272	1,005	16,277
2008	<u>14,520</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>14,840</u>
	<u>\$ 57,238</u>	<u>\$ 5,062</u>	<u>\$ 62,300</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE K - DEFERRED COMPENSATION FUND

In addition to the normal retirement plan discussed in Note F above, the Authority offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to substantially all employees, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan and all income attributable to those amounts, are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) held in a trust for the exclusive benefit of plan participants and their beneficiaries.

Investments are managed by the plan's trustees under one of several investment options, or a combination thereof. The choice of the investment option is made by the participants.

It has been determined that the Authority does not have any fiduciary responsibility regarding this Plan and, accordingly, has not reflected any of its assets or activities in its financial statements.

NOTE L - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority manages its risk by purchasing insurance coverage through Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), a public entity risk pool providing property and liability coverage to its participating members. MMRMA is created by authority granted by the laws of the State of Michigan to provide risk financing and risk management services to eligible Michigan local governments. MMRMA is a separate legal and administrative entity as permitted by Michigan laws. The Authority is eligible to be a member of MMRMA.

The Authority is responsible to pay all costs, including damages, indemnification and allocated loss adjustment expenses for each occurrence that is within the member's self insurance retention (SIR). Authority SIR and deductibles are as follows:

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Self Insured Retention</u>
1.	Liability	None	State Pool Member
2.	Vehicle Physical Damage	\$250/Vehicle	State Pool Member
3.	Property and Crime	\$250/ Occurrence	State Pool Member
4.	Sewage System Overflow	N/A	

Coverage limits vary depending upon the type of claim. Coverage limits can be found in the Coverage Overview Document and are generally up to \$10,000,000 of occurrence-based casualty coverage for each incident and up to \$4,612,254 of occurrence-based property coverage.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE L - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Various addendums to the coverage include:

1. Sewage Exclusion
2. Limited Liability Coverage for Terrorism – Modifies the Liability and Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Coverage
3. Limited Property Coverage for Terrorism – Modifies the Property and Crime Coverage

The Authority's liabilities for its share of losses are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities can include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported. Because actual claims liabilities depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount. The Authority estimates that the potential unpaid and unreported claims do not substantially exceed the amount of self-insurance retention reserves available to pay claims.

The Authority carries commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE M - DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue at September 30, 2004, consisted of the following:

Gogebic County allocation for October through December 2004	\$ 16,250
Prevention grant funds	<u>25,011</u>
	<u>\$ 41,261</u>

NOTE N - MEDICAID FUNDING

Effective October 1, 2002, the Authority began operation within the newly formed Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan called Northcare Network. Northcare Network, which is a part of Pathways Behavioral Health, is an affiliation formed between the five Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health Authorities for managed care. The Michigan Department of Community Health's reorganization plan required payment of managed care Medicaid funding be paid only to managed care organizations areas that have 20,000 or more Medicaid eligible individuals within their catchment area. The Authority does not have 20,000 Medicaid eligible individuals within their catchment area and elected to become part of the alliance with the five Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health Authorities to meet this requirement. The Authority holds a contract with the Michigan Department of Community Health for General Funds and with Pathways Behavioral Health, which holds a contract with the Michigan Department of Community Health for Managed Care/Medicaid funding.

REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
(BUDGETARY BASIS) AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Year ended September 30, 2004

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)
Revenues:			
Federal grants	\$ 63,439	\$ 63,439	\$ 59,614
State grants	792,914	856,623	919,698
Charges for services	5,111,986	5,220,951	4,980,209
Other	<u>33,250</u>	<u>33,250</u>	<u>53,745</u>
Total	\$ 6,001,589	\$ 6,174,263	\$ 6,013,266
Expenditures:			
Current expenditure -			
Health and welfare:			
Board administration	\$ 1,044,002	\$ 1,089,839	\$ 1,091,033
Prevention grant	62,178	118,121	99,760
Mentally ill adults	1,406,948	1,551,965	1,390,351
Developmentally disabled	3,055,419	2,933,205	3,044,035
Mentally ill children	526,521	559,517	510,214
Capital outlay	<u>36,550</u>	<u>26,800</u>	<u>13,366</u>
Total	\$ 6,131,618	\$ 6,279,447	\$ 6,148,759
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (130,029)	\$ (105,184)	\$ (135,493)
Other Financing Source - transfer from Gogebic County General Fund	<u>90,000</u>	<u>71,250</u>	<u>71,250</u>
Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Source Over Expenditures	\$ (40,029)	\$ (33,934)	\$ (64,243)
Budgetary fund balance at October 1, 2003	<u>348,158</u>	<u>348,158</u>	<u>348,158</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	<u>\$ 308,129</u>	<u>\$ 314,224</u>	<u>\$ 283,915</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL
REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Members of the Board
Community Mental Health Authority
Wakefield, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of Community Mental Health Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated January 28, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Authority's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Budget Requirements

Public Act 621 of 1978 requires local units of government to prepare and to monitor their fiscal year budgets in accordance therewith. The Act provides that a local unit must amend its budget if it becomes apparent that the local unit's actual revenues will deviate from those budgeted, or if the local unit's expenditures will exceed the amounts appropriated. During the year ended September 30, 2004, the Authority monitored and amended its budget and was in substantial compliance with the Act except for the following:

	<u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Unfavorable Variance
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We recommend that the Authority more closely monitor the budget and make amendments as needed.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, management and designated regulatory agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Joki, Makela & Pollack, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan
January 28, 2005